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as inventor, and which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,030,423, which issued February 29, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--.

# In the Claims

Please replace the claims with the following clean version of the entire set of pending claims, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(I).

A marked up version showing amendments to any claims being changed is provided in one or more accompanying pages separate from this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

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9. (Amended) A method of conductively interconnecting electronic components comprising:

providing a curable adhesive composition comprising an epoxy terminated silane comprising a glycidoxy methoxy silane;

providing first and second electronic components to be conductively connected with one another;

interposing the curable adhesive composition between the first and second electronic components; and

curing the adhesive into an electrically conductive bond electrically interconnecting the first and second components.

- 10. The method of claim 9 wherein at least one of the components comprises a nickel containing metal surface over which the curable adhesive composition is received.
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- 12. The method of claim 9 wherein the epoxy terminated silane comprises a glycidoxyproplytrimethoxysilane.
- 13. The method of claim 9 wherein/the epoxy terminated silane is present in the curable adhesive composition at less than pr equal to about 2% by weight.
- 14. The method of claim 9 wherein the epoxy terminated silane is present in the curable adhesive composition at less than or equal to about 1% by weight.

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- 23. A method of conductively interconnecting electronic components comprising: interposing a curable epoxy composition between first and second electrically conductive components to be electrically interconnected, at least one of the components comprising a metal surface with which the curable epoxy is to electrically connect; and

first and second components, the epoxy having an effective metal surface wetting concentration of silane to form a cured electrical interconnection having a contact resistance through said metal surface of less than or equal to about 0.3 ohm-cm<sup>2</sup>.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein the epoxy has an effective metal surface wetting concentration of silane to form a cured electrical interconnection having a resistance through said metal surface of less than or equal to about 0.16 ohm- cm<sup>2</sup>.

- 25. The method of claim 23 wherein the epoxy has an effective metal surface wetting concentration of silane to form a cured electrical interconnection having a resistance through said metal surface of less than or equal to about 0.032 ohm- cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 26. The method of claim 23 wherein the metal surface wetting concentration of silane in the curable adhesive composition is less than or equal to about 2% by weight.
- 27. The method of claim 23 wherein the metal surface wetting concentration of silane in the curable adhesive composition is less than or equal to about 1% by weight.
- 28. The method of claim 23 wherein the metal surface comprises nickel over which the curable adhesive composition is received.
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